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Documents on Vines Collier in Virginia and his Ancestry

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Collier Cousins & Jack Howard (3rd from right) at the Grave of Vines Collier, 2012

This information is made possible by Elaine Collier Neal and professional genealogist, Barbara Vines Little. It will be presented in three posts. The first, presented here, is a summary and the notes compiled by Ms. Little. Later posts will present the Collier Lineage and the Collier Maternal Lineages.

Elaine Collier Neal prepared the following introduction.

For those in the family who like to verify family stories, the following pages detail the Collier lineage in Virginia with exact sources. It can serve as a guide for those who might be interested in joining such lineage organizations as First Families of Virginia. Barbara Vines Little, a professional genealogist, prepared the following report. She was asked to particularly trace Vines Collier and his wife Sarah.

There are many legends surrounding the Collier family in Virginia, some of which can be supported with documentary evidence.

There is little documentary evidence of Vines Collier's marriage to Sarah Williamson. That portion of the family remains to be discovered.

So far, no one has found documentary proof that Vines Collier was a lieutenant in the Colonial Militia. There are official State of Virginia documents that give his pay as an ensign, a military rank just below lieutenant. Yes, we know his tombstone says he was an ensign and lieutenant, but that was placed years later, and maybe in error. An ensign is an officer in the Colonial military and it is a honorable commission itself.

We post this report in hopes that other researchers will expand our knowledge of our family's early history and share items they uncover. For example, Vines Collier's Family Bible is missing. Many researchers are also looking for the Powell Bible which might add much to the early history of Vines Collier's family.

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The entire document is available for download at the following link:

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Dear Ms. Neal:

I'm sorry I missed you in Fort Wayne and do apologize for the length of time this search has taken. The complexity of the family lines required that I find a span of time when I could concentrate solely on this research and finding that time was difficult. In a search of this type, which requires following multiple families over time, I typically work, if possible, from published abstracts because it allows a more in-depth search and then collect copies of original records for any documents that impact the actual lineage. In your case, I made copies only of those documents that directly related to the links between generations where there were questions since collecting the documents does take time and I didn't know which ones you already have. I will be glad to provide copies of any documents you would like to have.

Your Vines Collier link is solid and so is the Lockey Collier line. Although these relationships have long been proposed by some researchers, you now have documentation to support it. I suspect that Isaac was here earlier than the currently identified records show. Although the main chancery file involving the Lockes has been treated in depth in the article on the family in the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, there is another court suit involving John Lockey which might tell us something. We still do not have proof that Isaac married Edward Lockey's sister.

Further research in the partially indexed and/or unindexed York and Elizabeth City records might also tell us more and I believe that these should be searched if you wish to publish. It also *might* be possible to determine some of the surnames of the unidentified wives, but this is, of course, not a sure thing.



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on April 24, 2017 at 4:52 pm said:

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Thanks for the photo, Holly. Do you know the date?

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